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1. CHINA

WP'S WITCOVER, IN MANCHESTER, NH, REPORTS THAT EVEN IN ADVANCE OF FINAL RESULT CLOSE PRIMARY, FORD CAMP WAS LABELING NIXON INTENTIONAL SPOILER FOR VISITING PRC AT THIS TIME. FORD CAMPAIGN POLITICAL DIRECTOR SPENCER CHARGED NIXON "KNEW WHAT HE WAS DOING," AND SUGGESTED FORMER PRES IS FOR CONNALLY. FORD'S NH CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR MASTRANGELO CONCURRED IN SPENCER'S ASSESSMENT, AND FORD AIDES CALLAWAY AND HARTMAN ECHOED THIS VIEW. BUT REAGAN NY CAMPAIGN MANAGER GREGG LA0ELED THIS "RIDICULOUS," INSISTED HE "NEVER EVEN HEARD (NIXON TRIP)

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RAISED" IN CAMPAIGN. REAGAN SAID, "I DON'T KNOW THAT ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED IN CHINA HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH WHAT HAPPENED" IN NH.

RA0BI KORFF REPEATED CLAIM NIXON VISITING PRC BECAUSE DOS ENCOURAGED HIM MAKE TRIP AT THIS TIME, IN ORDER ASSESS PRC EVENTS. BUT BOTH WH, DOS "FIRMLY" DENIED THIS TUESDAY, INSISTING TRIP PRIVATE, NO USG INVOLVEMENT "IN ANY WAY" (NYDN; AP PHINQ, GLOBE, WP). NESSEN ALSO

TOOK ISSUE WITH KORFF ALLEGATION HAK HAD DISCUSSED PRC VISIT WITH NIXON THREE DAYS BEFORE FORD INFORMED OF PLAN (SUN DOBBIN).

NIXON PRC VISIT DRAWS CONTINUING PHOTO COVERAGE -- SUN, NYDN, GLOBE, WP RUN UPI PICS OF FORMER PRES HANDSHAKING WITH CHINESE IN TIEN AN MEN SQUARE; PHOTO OF NIXON VIEWING 2,000-YR-OLD HORSE AT PEKING MUSEUM, IN PHINQ; NYDN HAS AP PHOTO OF PAT NIXON WATCHING GIRL GYMNASTS; NYDN, WP CARRY UPI PHOTO OF HER CLASPING HANDS OF PERFORMERS; GLOBE SHOWS HER WITH KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN (UPI).

ARTICL'S REPORT NIXON MINGLED WITH CHINESE CROWDS TUESDAY, CHATTING, SHAKING HANDS, PATTING BABIES' CHEEKS LIKE US POLITICAL CAMPAIGNER (WP; UPI, NYDN; AP PHINQ, SUN). STORIES NOTE NIXON INVITED CHINESE VISIT HIM IN US, DISCUSSED SINO-SOVIET BORDER CLASHES WITH FM CHIAO, HAD THIRD ROUND TALKS WITH PREMIER HUA.

NIXON VISITED SCALI, ILL WITH BRONCHITIS, AT PEKING HOSPITAL TUESDAY (AP, NYT). SCALI TOLD HIM, "FROM WHERE I SIT -- OR WHERE I AM LYING -- YOU'VE BEEN GETTING A FABULOUS RECEPTION HERE.' AS IF HE HAD NOT EVEN HEARD THE REMARK, NIXON ASKED, 'ARE YOU GOING TO BE ABLE TO JOIN US IN CANTON?'" (WP).

REUTER'S GRIFFITHS, IN PEKING, REPORTS NIXONS, ACCOMPANIED BY CHIAO, VISITED CITY'S UNDERGROUND BOMB SHELTERS WEDNESDAY, AND PEOPLE LINED STREET AT LEAST HALF HOUR BEFORE THEIR ARRIVAL. REUTER'S ROGERS REPORTS NIXON UNCLASSIFIED

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VISITED TSINGHUA U WEDNESDAY, WAS GIVEN MOST EXPLICIT BRIEFING ANY FOREIGNER HAS RECEIVED ON CURRENT CHINESE CAMPAIGN AGAINST RIGHTISTS. NIXON WAS TOLD CAMPAIGN HAD DEVELOPED INTO POWERFUL NATIONWIDE MOVEMENT, BUT WAS GIVEN VIRTUAL ASSURANCE IT WOULD NOT EXPLODE INTO GPCR-LIKE EVENT. MADE PLAIN THAT TENG HSIAO-PING IS CAMPAIGN MAIN TARGET.

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (HK) REPORTS THAT FOR FIRST TIME SINCE CURRENT SERIES OF ATTACKS ON RIGHTISTS INTENSIFIED EARLIER THIS MONTH, GOVT NEWSPAPER QUOTED MAO TUESDAY AS PERSONALLY EXPRESSING INDIGNATION AT RIGHTISTS. AT SAME TIME, IN WHAT HK ANALYSTS TOOK AS COMPROMISE

BETWEEN PARTY LEADERS WHO HAVE BEEN FEUDING OVER PROPER COURSE ECON DEVELOPMENT, JENMIN JIH PAO CALLED ON CHINESE PEASANTS NOT NEGLECT SPRING PLANTING. BUTTERFIELD SAYS EDITORIAL ALSO RAISED QUESTION WHETHER HUA MIGHT

BECOME TARGET OF ATTACKS, SINCE IT SEEMED DELIBERATELY TO PLAY DOWN MAJOR NATIONAL AGRIC CONFERENCE LAST YEAR IN WHICH HUA HAD KEY ROLE.

US ARMY GEN GRAHAM TELLS REPORTERS CHINESE NEVER FINISHED DEVELOPING ICBM'S US SPENT MILLIONS TO DEFEND AGAINST; PEKING CALLED PROGRAM OFF IN MID-1973. PREDICTED CHINESE INSTEAD WILL BUILD MISSILE SUBS THAT CAN BE KEPT OUT OF RANGE US OR SENT IN CLOSE -- DEPENDING ON DIPLOMATIC CLIMATE (WILSON, WP; NYT).

IN TUESDAY ADDRESS TO SOVIET PARTY'S 25TH CONGRESS, BREZHNEV BLASTED PRC; LINKED PRC WITH POSITION OF WORLD'S "MOST EXTREME REACTIONARIES," SAID CHINESE EFFORTS PROVOKE WORLD WAR PRESENT DANGER FOR ALL PEACE-LOVING PEOPLES -- BUT THERE WILL BE APPROPRIATE SOVIET RESPONSE SHOULD PEKING REVERT TO POLICY "TRULY BASED ON MARXISM-LENINISM" (OSNOS, WP; MCCARTNEY, PHINQ; WREN, NYT; NYT CARRIES EXCERPTS).

PRC PUBLISHED FIERCE ATTACK ON SOVIET TUESDAY, CHARGING KREMLIN'S POLICY AMOUNTED TO "UNBRIDLED INFILTRATION, INTERVENTION, SUBVERSION AND SABOTAGE" IN HOPE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTROLLING, ENSLAVING WORLD'S PEOPLE (REUTER, SUN).

CBS RADIO WEDNESDAY REPORTED NIXON DENIED HIS BANQUET TOAST REMARKS WERE CRITICISM US FOREIGN POLICY. EX-PRES' SPOKESMAN MAINTAINED SIMILAR STATEMENTS VOICED BY NIXON MANY TIMES.

2. JAPAN

HOURS AFTER PRESENTING CREDENTIALS, AMB TOGO DELIVERED MIKI LETTER ADDRESSED PRES FORD, TO DOS' INGERSOLL, ASKING "CONTINUED COOPERATION" OF CONGRESS, ADMIN TO CLARIFY LOCKHEED ALLEGATIONS. OFFICIALS SAID USG PLANS PUBLIC REPLY (AP, WSJ, GLOBE, NYT; CULLISON, JOC; REUTER WASHINGTON).

MFA RELEASED CONTENTS MIKI LETTER WEDNESDAY. PM STATED DISCLOSE ALL RELEVANT DATA, INCLUDING NAMES OFFICIALS INVOLVED, "IF ANY," WOULD SERVE INTEREST JAPANESE POLITICS, US-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP. ASKED FORD CONSIDERATION SECURE CONTINUED COOPERATION BY ADMIN, CONGRESS TO CLARIFY ALLEGATIONS, IN RESPONSE GOJ, DIET

REQUESTS (REUTER TOKYO).

NOT CERTAIN WHETHER USG WILL AGREE FULL DISCLOSURE,
IN VIEW EARLIER HAK STATEMENT WOULD HAVE "SERIOUS

CONSEQUENCES." SECSTATE RETURNED WASHINGTON WEDNESDAY
NIGHT, FROM EIGHT-NATION TOUR LATIN AMERICA (REUTER
WASHINGTON).

SAAR (WP) DESCRIBES POLICE "BLITZKRIEG" OF LOCKHEED
ASIA OFFICE, 27 OTHER OFFICES, HOMES, TUESDAY
SEEKING BRIBERY EVIDENCE. SAYS MEDIA COVERAGE CERTAIN
CREATE FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON PUBLIC, WHICH IMPATIENT
FOR STRENUOUS INVESTIGATION. NOTES RAIDS TELEGRAPHED
FOR DAYS BY PRESS, AND ;HAT FEARS DELAY ALLOWED
DISPOSAL INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE HEIGHTENED BY ASAHI REPORT
FINELY TORN ACCOUNT SHEETS FOUND KODAMA'S GARBAGE.

POLICE HAULED OFF TRUCKLOADS DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING MORE
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THAN 600 LARGE CARDBOARD CARTOONS FROM LOCKHEED OFFICE
(CULLISON, JOC). NO IMMEDIATE WORD ON POLICE FINDINGS
(AP, PHINQ, GLOBE WSJ).

CLASS ACTION SUIT FILED TUESDAY AGAINST LOCKHEED,
SOME PAST PRESENT EXECS, ON BEHALF STOCKHOLDERS, BY
CENTER FOR LAW IN PUBLIC I'TEREST. SEEKS COURT
APPOINT "SPECIAL MASTER" INVESTIGATE EXTENT OVERSEAS
BRIBERY, REPORT ASSESSMENT OF FIRM'S ILLEGAL PAYOFF
L-AEILITIES TO SHAREHOLDERS, BEFORE FIXING DAMAGE CLAIM
THAT COULD REACH 100 MILLION DOLS (AP, PHINQ, WSJ;
JONES, WP; WEINSTEIN, NYT).

SENIOR DOD OFFICIALS SAID TUESDAY KNOW NO CANCELLATION
PLANNED ARMS ORDERS BY FOREIGN GOVTS DUE DISCLOSURES
WORLD-WIDE PAYOFFS, BRIBERY SCNADALS. NOTES JAPAN
"EXPECTED DELAY" 1.2 BILLION DOL PURCHASE 100 LOCKHEED
P-3-C ASU PLANES (REUTER WASHINGTON).

YOMIURI TUESDAY REPORTED SOV SOUNDED OUT JAPAN ON
POSSIBILITY CRUDE OIL EXPORTS; EMBARRASSED JAPANESE
INDUSTRY BECAUSE CAME ON EVE LONG-TERM OIL PURCHASE
NEGOTIATIONS IN PEKING (UPI, JOC).

CONSOLIDATED COAL AGREES REDUCE PRICE COKING COAL FOR
NIPPON STEEL BY DOL/TON. NEW PRICE IN EFFECT APRIL 1
WILL BE 62.65 DOL/WT (UPI, JOC; WSJ).

CULLISON (JOC) SAYS PRC METALS AND MINERALS EXPORT-
IMPORT PURCHASING MISSION ARRIVED JAPAN MONDAY, BEGAN
TALKS WITH STEEL INDUSTRY REPS NEXT DAY. EXPECTED

ORDER TWO MILLION TONS ROLLED STEEL FOR DELIVERY BY
END JUNE.

ARCHITECTURAL EXPERTS DUE BEGIN HALF-MILLION DOL FACE-
LIFT OF JAPANESE HOUSE FAIRMOUNT PARK, AS BICENTENNIAL
GIFT PHILADELPHIA. BUILT 1957 TO REPLACE FAMOUS
JAPANESE TEMPLE THAT BURNED DOWN 1955 (PHINQ).

LACHICA (CSM 2/20), IN TOKYO SAYS MITI ACTING AS MATCH-
MAKER, TO MERGE SEVERAL AILING CAR MAKERS. MAY TAKE
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LONG AS YEAR RESTRUCTURE, MAKE INDUSTRY MORE
COMPETITIVE DOMESTIC, EXPORT MARKETS. LIKELIEST
MERGER EXPECTED IS TOYO KOGYO WITH MITSUBISHI MOTORS,
ISUZU. IF WRAPPED UP, SAYS MAY PERMIT PART-OWNER OF
ISUZU, GM, TO MARKET SEMI-LUXURY SPORTS CAR WITH
MAZDA ROTARY ENGINE.

3. KOREA

NK FOREIGN TRADE BANK REPORTED TOOK OVER, RESCHEDULED
NUMBER TRADE DEBTS, AFTER DEFAULTS, LATE PAYMENT
INTEREST, CAPITAL. DESPITE RISING CONCERN ABOUT NK
"BAD REPUTATION," SPOKESMAN SAID MORGAN GRENFELL BANK
HAD "NO DIFFICULTIES" WITH DEBT SERVICE ON LOANS NKOREANS
(JOC, LONDON).

4. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

SUN'S ISAACS REPORTS NVN SALUTES USSR 25TH CP
CONGRESS. SAYS PHRASING OF MESSAGE COMES CLOSE
TO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SOVIET SUPREMACY IN COMMUNIST
WORLD, REFLECTING GROWING ALIGNMENT NVN WITH
USSR RATHER THAN PRC.

NIGERIA ESTABLISHES FULL DIP RELS WITH CAMBODIA (WP).

VIENTIANE SAYS OVER 6000 REFUGEES WHO FLED LAST YR,
FOR FEAR PL, RETURNED LUANG PRABANG (AP, NYDN).

CDN'S TAMARKIN AT BANGKOK (2/18) NOTES RTG PLAN
CLOSE DOORS TO INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. SAYS THAIS
UNDER UN PRESSURE ABSORB SOME OF 70,000 REFUGEES
IN CAMPS BUT RELUCTANT, SINCE DOESN'T WANT
ALIENATE COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS, SEE REFUGEES AS
POTENTIAL FIFTH COLUMN THAT COULD HELP SPREAD
INSURGENCY. POINTS OUT THAIS NERVOUS ABOUT 50,000
VIET REFUGEES IN NE SINCE 1954.

5. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

DANISH PREMIER SAYS 200 VIET CHILDREN, YOUTHS BROUGHT
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IN AFTER COMMUNIST TAKEOVER SHOULD BE RETURNED "ON
THE BEST CONVENIENT DATE." CHILDREN CONTROVERSIAL
DUE EFFORTS GET THEM TO OTHER COUNTRIES. SAIGON SAYS
CHILDREN MUST APPLY SEPARATELY TO BE ALLOWED RETURN
(AP CHITRIB, SUN). US LAWYER CHARGES CHILDREN KEPT
IN SCHOOL BEHIND BARBED WIRE. ANOTHER US LAWYER WANTS
SETTLE CHILDREN IN CENTRAL AMERICA. CHILDREN INCLUDE
30 "STREET BOYS," 160 MONTAGNARDS; LEGAL STATUS NEVER
ESTABLISHED (AP, SUN).

6. SINGAPORE

BEECH (CDN 2/19) REPORTS GOS SECRETLY SENDING ARMED
FORCES TO TAIWAN FOR TRAINING SINCE 1974, UNDER AGREEMENT
BETWEEN PM LEE, CCK. SAYS LEE'S CLOSELY-GUARDED
TAIPEI TRIP LAST MONTH REPORTEDLY TO INCREASE NUMBERS
BEING TRAINED. ADDS CHINATS GAVE SINGAPORE 3 BASES,
BATTALION-SIZED UNITS ROTATE IN AND OUT FOR TRAINING
EACH MONTH. STATES PRC AWARE WHAT HAPPENING, BUT
REMAINS SILENT. SEES POSSIBILITY SINGAPORE TROOPS
BEING TRAINED BY US ADVISERS, BUT SOURCES SAY NOT.
CONCLUDES LEE HAS MORE IN COMMON WITH TAIPEI REGIME
THAN WITH PEKING.

7. ASEAN

BALI SUMMIT ENDS, MEMBERS SIGN TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP,
COOPERATION (GLOBE). DOCUMENTS CONTAIN NONE OF SPECIFIC
GOALS, ESPECIALLY IN ECON FIELD, THAT SOME HAD HOPED
WOULD MOVE ORGANIZATION CLOSER TO ECON, POL COMMUNITY.
TREATY SETS UP FULL-TIME SECRETARIAT AND "HIGH COUNCIL"
ON MINISTERIAL LEVEL TO RESOLVE DISPUTES. MALAYSIA
INSISTED "TEETH" OR ARBITRATION PROVISION BE REMOVED,
SINCE CONCERNED PHILS MAY REVIVE SABAH CLAIMS. ECON
PROVISIONS DILUTED BY INDONESIA'S FEAR FREE-TRADE AREA
PRESSED BY SINGAPORE COULD DESTROY ECONOMY. DECLARATION
PLEDGES COOPERATION IN SHARING SCARCE BASIC COMMODITIES,
ESPECIALLY FOOD, ENERGY, AND DEVELOPING JOINT NEGOTIATING
POSITIONS IN DEALING WITH OUTSIDE COUNTRIES, GROUPS
(ANDELMAN, NYT; SUN).
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SOUTHERLAND (CSM) GETS IMPRESSION ASEAN DOES NOT WANT
BE BLOC ANTAGONISTIC TO ANY COUNTRY. NOTES SUMMIT
EMPHASIS ON ECON COOPERATION. STATES IMPORTANT
DISAGREEMENTS WERE OVER MACHINERY FOR MEDIATION, PROPOSALS
FOR FREE-TRADE ZONE. NOTES DIPLOMATS SAW SUMMIT AS

DEFINITE STEP FORWARD, LEFT LOT UNSAID, LOT TO BE DONE
IN LATER MEETINGS.

GREENWAY (WP) SEES AGREEMENTS AS COMPROMISE AMONG
DIFFERING VIEWS ON SPECIFIC TERMS OF REGIONAL COOPERATION.
DESPITE VAGUE LANGUAGE, SUMMIT AIRED DIFFERENCES,
ESTABLISHED FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH ASSN CAN DEVELOP.
NOTES ECON MINISTERS TO MEET NEXT MONTH TO RECOMMEND
WAYS IMPLEMENT ECON COOPERATION; INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION
TO BEGIN WITH EACH COUNTRY ASSIGNED ASEAN-BACKED
INDUSTRIAL PROJECT. ADDS THOUGH CLEAR ASSN NOT MIL
ALLIANCE, DECLARATION APPROVES CONTINUATION COOPERATION
ON "NON-ASEAN" BASIS BETWEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES ON SECURITY
MATTERS.

HARTLEY (WSJ) SEES MEMBER COUNTRIES MOVING SLOWLY
TOWARD ECON COOPERATION. BELIEVES GRADUAL CREATION
SINGLE ASEAN VOICE MAY BE IMPORTANT FOR REST OF WORLD.
REVIEWS DISPUTES BETWEEN MEMBERS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS
SUMMIT. NOTES ASEAN SECRETARIAT BEING SET UP AT JAKARTA TO
CONTINUE PUSH CREATE ZONE OF "PEACE, FREEDOM AND
NEUTRALITY" IN AREA.

8. AUSTRALIA

VICKERS (CSM) LOOKS AT TOURIST INDUSTRY, FINDS IT
FLOUNDERING DUE DISTANCE FROM WORLD POPULATION CENTERS,
HIGH COSTS; CRYING OUT FOR GOVT HELP.

9. MARIANAS

SENATE APPROVES LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING COMMONWEALTH
NORTHERN MARIANAS WITH LOCAL SELF-GOVT THOUGH DEFENSE, IS
FOREIGN POLICY RUN BY WASHINGTON. BILL GOES TO
CONFERENCE FOR ADJUSTMENT WITH HOUSE BILL (GLOBE; AP,
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SUN). WP'S RICH NOTES CHIEF REASON IS TO GIVE US
FALLBACK POSITION IN CASE WITHDRAWS BASES IN W PAC.
RECORDS OPPOSITION SENS MANSFIELD, PELL, CHURCH, HART,
BYRD (VA). BINDER (NYT) REVIEWS HISTORY STEPS TAKEN
TOWARD COMMONWEALTH STATUS, OPPOSITION IN SENATE. SAYS
ADMIN ASSUMES UNSC WILL ACCEPT CHANGE.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. CHINA

BRODER IN WP DISCUSSES NIXON TRIP AND BREAKS VOW NEVER
TO DISCUSS NIXON AGAIN. CALLS HIM SHAMELESS IN USING
CHINA TO EXPLOIT COUNTRY, TO FURTHER HIS OWN NEEDS.
CALLS TRIP EMBARRASSMENT TO PRESIDENT WHO PARDONED HIM.

CONCLUDES WITH: "SIR, YOU PRESUME TOO MUCH ON THE PATIENCE OF YOUR COUNTRY. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH."

BALT SUN SAYS NIXON TRIP MORE SUBSTANTIVE THAN EFFORT TO REHABILITATE NIXON. WHILE CHINESE MAY HAVE GAINED SOME TACTICAL ADVANTAGE BY WELCOMING HIM, SUCH AS SHOWING CONTINUED INTEREST IN NORMALIZATION DESPITE POWER STRUGGLE; REMINDER TO SOVIETS OF US COOPERATION; MAKING IT EASIER FOR NEXT PRESIDENT TO BACK AWAY FROM TAIWAN. CONCLUDES HAK RIGHT IN SEEKING FULL REPORT ON NIXON'S OBSERVATIONS.

MARY MCGRORY WSTAR, SAYS NIXON DETERMINED TO HAVE REPUBLICANS SEE HIM AS HE SEES HIMSELF -- MASTER POLITICIANS AND FOREIGN POLICY WIZARD. NIXON SEES PEKING AS ROUTE BACK TO RECOGNITION. NIXON ACTIVITIES HOWEVER LAY OPEN TO QUESTION ABILITY OF FORD TO CONTROL SITUATION.

TRUMAN CLARK, PEPPERDINE U HIST PROF, WRITES IN LAT (2/23) OF NIXON TRIP THAT TO CHINESE, WATERGATE IS MATTER OF INDIFFERENCE. SAYS REAL REASON FOR THIS IS THAT CHINESE, ALONG WITH RUSSIANS, TURKS, FRENCH AND ALMOST EVERYONE ELSE, DO NOT SHARE MAJOR AMERICAN POLITICAL PRINCIPLE: THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LEGITIMATE OPPOSITION.

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BUSINESS COLUMNIST J.A. LIVINGSTONE IN PHINQ VIEWS NIXON VIST AS AN "ENTREPRENURIAL CAPITALIST VENTURE" ON HIS PART. FOR CHINESE, IT IS EFFORT TO "UNDETENTE" DETENTE. HOWEVER WHEN IT COMES TO ECONOMIC IDEOLOGY, CHINESE MUCH CLOSER TO SOVIETS THAN TO US. HE CITES PEKING REVIEW ARTICLE CRITICAL OF WESTERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS.

GLOBE DECLARES NIXON'S RECEPTION IN PEKING AS VIRTUAL HEAD OF STATE AND HIS "THINLY VEILED CRITICISMS" OF CURRENT US FOREIGN POLICY TOWARDS SOVIET CONFIRM FEARS HIS PRC VISIT WOULD LEAD INEXORABLY TO MEDDLING IN SENSITIVE DIPLO AFFAIRS. CITING WH "CONFUSION" ON HOW DEAL WITH NIXON UPON HIS RETURN, MAINTAINS FORMER PRES "IS UTTERLY UNACCEPTABLE AS AN EX-OFFICIO MESSENGER." IF NIXON BRINGS BACK IMPORTANT INFO, LET HIM DISCLOSE IT IN OPEN PRESS CONFERENCE, MAG ARTICLE OR LETTER TO FRIENDS -- JUST LIKE ANY OTHER PRIVATE CITIZEN.

PHILABULL (2/17) HAD HOPED NIXON WOULD ABANDON, AT LEAST POSTPONE, PEKING TRIP, IN VIEW CHINESE INTERNAL TURMOIL. DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, ACCEPT THAT JOURNEY BY FORMER PRES WHO OPENED RELATIONS WITH PRC

CAN BE "STRICTLY PRIVATE" VENTURE. IS "NIXON

CONNECTION" BEING USED AS SORT OF PLOY IN EMERGING
CHINESE POWER STRUGGLES?

JEROME COHEN SAYS NIXON'S PRC VISIT APPEARS MAO'S
FIRST MISCALCULATION SINCE TABLE-TENNIS DIPLOMACY
MARKED END TO SINO-US HOSTILITY, AS NIXON TRIP CERTAIN
GIVE STILL ANOTHER LEASE ON DIPLO LIFE TO MAO'S ROC
RIVALS. AS TO CHINESE REASON FOR INVITING NIXON,
FEELS THEY DESIRED NEEDLE ADMIN OVER DETENT WITH SOVIET
AND MAO ALSO WISHED SHOW CONTINUING APPRECIATION OF
NEW FRIEND WHO HAD FALLEN UPON EVIL DAYS. BUT REAL
QUESTION IS EXPLAINING PEKING'S INSENSITIVITY TO
COSTS OF VISIT AT THIS TIME, IN ADVANCE NH, OTHER
US PRIMARIES. FINDS IT DIFFICULT BELIEVE AT LEAST
MOST SOPHISTICATED CHINESE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPECIALISTS
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GROSSLY MISPERCEIVE US REALITIES; PRCLO WELL AWARE
ABOUT NIXON TRIP TIMING. MOST LIKELY MAO MADE
DECISION -- CHAIRMAN DELIGHTS IN PLAYING DARING ENFANT
TERRIBLE, HEEDLESS OF RISKS MERE BUREAUCRATS MIGHT
FORESEE. BUT WELCOMING NIXON THIS YEAR, MAO HAS ALIENATED
MIDDLE-OF-ROAD US OPINION, WHOSE SUPPORT NECESSARY IF
US TO COMPLETE NORMALIZATION PROCESS DURING NEXT ADMIN.
WITH ENEMIES LIKE MAO, HIS RIVALS ON TAIWAN MAY NOT
NEED FRIENDS (GLOBE).

JOC'S STRAUSS, IN HK, CITES PEKING EDITORIAL ASSAULT
TUESDAY AGAINST TENG. SEES HIM NOW PERHAPS UNDER
SHARPEST ATTACK OF HIS CAREER, NOT EXCLUDING DAYS BEFORE
HE FELL IN GPCR. BUT TENG NOW CLOSELY LINKED WITH
PLA AND POWERFUL LEADERS IN PROVINCES, AND MAY HAVE
CHANCE HOLDING ON.

NYDN'S VAUGHAN NOTES PEOPLE BEHIND BAMBOO CURTAIN MADE
THEIR BROADWAY MOVIE DEBUT TUESDAY WITH START OF CHINESE
FILM FESTIVAL -- SERIES OF FEATURES ON PRC LIFE --
AT RFKENNEDY THEATER. SAYS THEATER'S SURROUNDINGS
DID NOT DAMPEN ENTHUSIASM OF SPONSOR, CHINA TRADE CORP,
BUSINESS GROUP PROMOTING CONSUMER GOODS FROM PRC.
ACCORDING GROUP'S CHAIRMAN, RECENT SURVEYS INDICATE
MOST AMERICANS WISH KNOW MORE ABOUT CHINESE.

GLOBE'S SZEP (2/23) DEPICTS NIXON WITH ARM ABOUT DECREPIT
MAO, ASKING "...HAVE YOU HEARD ANY OF THE LATEST JERRY
FORD JOKES?" CONRAD (PHINQ) SHOWS PROFILE NIXON
IN NAPOLEAN COSTUME ON JUNK, WITH CAPTION, "SLOW
BOAT TO CHINA." LE PELLEY (CSM) DRAWS NIXON WITH MAO-
LIKE FACE, SUIT, ENTERING GATE SAN CLEMENTE; CAPTION:
"THE COMEBACK." FLANNERY (SUN) SHOWS NIXON, MAO AT

TABLE WITH EX-PRES OPENING FORTUNE COOKIE THAT
READS, "YOU WILL RUN FOR CONGRESS, THEN GOVERNOR, THEN
THE PRESIDENCY."

TRUDEAU'S "DOONESBURY" (2/22) HAS AMB DUKE HAVING MEAL
WITH LI, WHO ADMONISHES SON FOR NOT FINISHING JELLIED
DUCK'S WEB BY SAYING, "DO YOU KNOW THAT THERE
ARE CHILDREN IN WEST VIRGINIA WHO GO TO BED EACH NIGHT
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WITHOUT ANY DINNER AT ALL?" AS AMB DUKE VOICES
ANNOYANCE AT THIS, SURPRISED SON APOLOGIZES, SAYS DIDN'T
KNOW, PRESUMABLY FINISHES DELICACY, TODAY'S "DOONESBURY"
DEPICTS AMB DUKE AT PERFORMANCE OF PLAY THAT DEPICTS
CHILDREN IN LIBERATED VILLAGE DANCING, SINGING,
LAUGHING. DUKE FINDS CHARMING, OBSERVES ARMY
UNIFORMS THEY'RE WEARING OFFER "NICE COUNTERPOINT."
HOST COMMENTS, "BASIC YIN AND YANG, MR DUKE."

WSTAR EDIT "MISCHIEF IN CHINA" SAYS FEAR THAT NIXON TRIP
WOULD CAUSE ACUTE EMBARRASSMENT TO ADMINISTRATION IS BORNE
OUT BY EVENTS. AT VERY LEAST ADMINISTRATION
HAS HAD TO DEVOTE MANY HOURS TO FIGURING OUT HOW TO
HANDLE PROBLEMS POSED BY THE TRIP. USG WILL BE FORGIVEN
IF IT TREATS NIXON RETURN WITH MINIMAL RECOGNITION
IT DESERVES.

ON ABC/TV INTERVIEW, SEN GOLDWATER SAYS NIXON COULD
DO US FAVOR BY REMAINING IN PRC. INSISTS FORMER PRES
BROKE LOGAN ACT BY SPEAKING OUT ON FOREIGN POLICY AT
BANQUET. BUT SEN TOWER, ACCORDING CBS RADIO RE PORTS,
DECLARES NIXON VISIT GOOD IDEA, SAYS IT MAY PROVE USEFUL.

11. JAPAN

ANIMAL WELFARE INSTITUTE RUNS QUARTER-PG "SAVE THE WHALES"
AD LAT (2/23). CALLS FOR BOYCOTT UNTIL JAPAN, SOV AGREE
HALT WHALING. NOTES CALIFORNIA GRAY WHALES PROTECTED
BY TREATY, BUT "GREEDILY EYED" BY JAPANESE, AND USG "HAS
ALREADY CERTIFIED" JAPAN, SOV VIOLATE OTHER WHALE
CONSERVATION MEASURES.

ANENT NIXON COMMENT "SO MANY OF THEM" COMING OUT OF
WOODWORK IN JAPAN AFTER DISCLOSURE LOCKHEED BRIBES,
HERBLOCK (WP) DRAWS RMN, COMING OUT OF WOODWORK, TO LOOK
AT CHINESE AND REPORTERS READING REPORT PHILLIPS OFFICIAL
SAID GAVE NIXON 50,000 DOLS 1968.

CHI S-T (2/21) URGES CONGRESS ROOT OUT WHAT SEN PERCY
CALLED "DRY ROT OF CAPITALISM" -- EXEMPLIFIED BY
DISCLOSURES LOCKHEED BRIBERY. SHOULD NOT WAIT FOR GLOBAL
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ACTION, BUT ENACT STATUTE NOW TO PROVIDE US EXEC'S WHO
PAY, AUTHORIZE BRIBERY BE TREATED AS CRIMINALS THEY ARE.

LAT (2/22) HAILS FORD PROCLAMATION FORMALLY ENDING
WAR-TIME ORDER THAT INTERNED 112,000 JAPANESE-AMERICANS
DURING WW II, 34 YEARS TO DAY AFTER ISSUED. WHILE ONLY
OF SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE, STATES MOVE IMPORTANT AS "OPEN
RECOGNITION" HISTORIC NAT'L MISTAKE.

FARNSWORTH (NYT), IN PARIS, REVIEWS OECD PROGRESS IN
DRAWING UP VOLUNTARY STANDARDS TO CONTROL BRIBERY BY MNC'S.
TEXT ALREADY APPROVED FOUR MONTHS AGO BY 24 WEUR,
NAMERICAN, DEVELOPED ASIAN STATES; STRENGTHENED AFTER
DISCLOSURES LOCKHEED BRIBES.

CHITRIB REPRINTS SF CHRON'S CARROLL/POWER REPORT ALLEGING
INJUSTICE IN IVA TOGURI D'AQUINO CONVICTION FOR TREASON.
ALSO RUNS LAST OF THREE-PART SERIES ON CASE BY LINDA WITT.
CITES US ATTY CARTER STATEMENT, MADE RELEASING TOGURI
FROM ARREST, SUSPICION 1946, THAT TOKYO ROSE "LITTLE MORE
THAN A MYTH" CONCOCTED BY DAY-DREAMING GI'S. STATES
WORDS, UNFORTUNATELY, DID NOT KILL MYTH, AND TOGURI LATER
RE-ARRESTED, BABY STILL-BORN, RETURNED TO SFO FOR TRIAL
IN WHICH CONVICTED. QUOTES INTERVIEW IN WHICH TOGURI
SAYS DOESN'T CARE FOR SELF, BUT FOR FAMILY; EVEN THOUGH
MANY NOW OFFER HELP SECURE JUSTICE, CAN'T WAIT THAT LONG,
WILL "GET MY REWARD IN HEAVEN."

12. INDOCHINA

PHINQ REVIEWS PART AMB MARTIN'S TESTIMONY CONCERNING
"WALKING OF THE TIGHTROPE" TO KEEP SVIETS FROM TURNING
ON AMERICANS IN ANGER. SAYS, WITHOUT JUDGING MARTIN'S
PERFORMANCE AT THIS TIME, GETTING OUT OF VN WAS BEST JOB
WE DID THERE.

13. INDONESIA

LAT'S MCARTHUR AT JAKARTA (2/23) REVIEWS ROLE CHINESE
IN INDONESIA; FINDS, THOUGH HARASSED, THEY DOMINATE
COMMERCIAL LIFE. SAYS EVERY INDO GENERAL HAS CHINESE
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PARTNERS: HE PROVIDES PROTECTION, THEY GIVE BUSINESS
SKILLS, MONEY. GIVES EXAMPLE PARTNERSHIP STIFLING
INDONESIAN BUSINESS THAT GOVT PLEDGED PROMOTE. CALLS
CHINESE COMEBACK REMARKABLE, SINCE ON RUN 10 YRS AGO

AT TIME TURMOIL SURROUNDING SUKARNO'S FALL. NOW BACK

IN POWER WITH LOW PROFILE AS "INVISIBLE RICH."

14. GENERAL

NYT HAILS US VICTORY AGAINST PROLIFERATION NUCLEAR
WEAPONS ACHIEVED IN NEWLY RATIFIED AGREEMENT WITH SIX
MAJOR SUPPLIERS TO ADD TECHNOLOGY TO LIST CIVILIAN NUCLEAR
EXPORTS THAT TRIGGER INTL INSPECTION. REGRETS FRG,
FRENCH OBJECTIONS BLOCKED MOST IMPORTANT US PROPOSAL --
EMBARGO EXPORT EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY FOR PRODUCTION
WEAPONS-GRADE PLUTONIUM. NOTES SECSTATE WILL HAVE
OPPORTUNITY, DINING WITH PAK PM THURSDAY, BRING TO BEAR
SAME KIND OF PRESSURE AGAINST PURCHASE FRENCH PLUTONIUM
PLANT THAT "HAS NO ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION," AS HELPED
ABORT SIMILAR FRANCE-ROK DEAL. CALLS HAK, FORD TO TASK
FOR "INATTENTION" THAT ALLOWED FRG SELL BRAZIL PLUTONIUM
REPROCESSING TECHNOLOGY THAT US, FOR THIRTY YEARS,
REFUSED SELL ABROAD. DECLARES WOULD BE TRAGEDY IF HAK
REPEATS ERROR ON FRENCH-PAK DEAL. KISSINGER

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